(ix) To allow only those Stenographer Grade 'C' who are graduates to participate in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the Section Officers' Grade of CSS.

Plans for combating curruption in public life

2603. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that committing itself to an international covenant under the United Nations, Government could set in motion measures to combat corruption in public life;

(b) if so, whether India would consider to be signatory to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) of which there are already 123 countries around the world; and

(c) whether Government plan to set up any other institution for combating corruption in public life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Government is fully alive to the need for eradication of corruption in public life by adopting all possible measures. The drive against corruption in public services is a continuing process. The policies formulated in this regard are modified from time to time in order to make them more effective and responsive to the changing environment.

The UN Convention against Corruption was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 31st October 2003. The Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the 30th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. As on date Government has not signed the conventions.

Frequent transfer of IAS/IPS Officers in U.P.

2604. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, IAS and IPS officers are transferred frequently;

(b) if so, whether Central Government would frame a uniform policy to fix a minimum tenure for All India Service Officers so that they are able to concentrate on development aspects and law and order problems better; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The power to transfer IAS/IPS officers posted in a State vests in the State Government concerned.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has initiated a proposal for amendment of relevant All India Services rules and Regulations to provide for a fixed tenure of posting of All India Service Officers at various levels. State government are being consulted in this regard.

CBI raids

2605. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has conducted a nation-wide raid at about 200 places of corrupt officers of various departments on the 30th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of senior officers of various departments of Government of India at whose places the raids were conducted by CBI;

(d) the amount of unaccounted cash, jewellery and incriminating documents seized in the raid; and

(e) the departmental action taken against these Government officials so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) 48 cases have been registered during the drive. All cases are currently under investigation.